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EAST GERMANY - POLAND: Oil Deliveries Interrupted

Shipment of Soviet oil to East Germany through the "Friendship" pipeline was interrupted for several hours on Tuesday due to stoppages at pumping stations in western and central Poland. East German officials believe "politically motivated" disturbances caused the stoppages. We cannot confirm that such disturbances took place. The pipeline supplies about 80 percent of East German oil imports. The stoppages underscore the country's economic vulnerability to continued chaos in Poland and constitute another reminder of the threat an unstable Poland poses for Soviet forces in East Germany. [REDACTED]

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